

Remarks

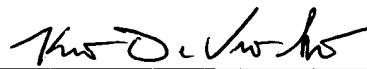
This Amendment is filed concurrent with the Appeal Brief. Claims 27-33 are canceled. The Examiner indicated, in a telephone message delivered on or about August 30, 2004 to Applicant's counsel, that such an Amendment would be entered. Claims 15-19 and 21-26 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment as it reduces the issues on Appeal. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (612) 336-4710 if there are any issues with regard to this Amendment.

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